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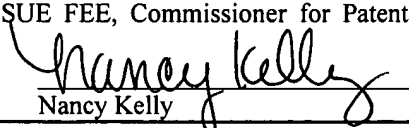
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Applicants note that the claims are each patentable for the limitations respectively recited therein and that not all the claims recite a column wherein an internal element comprises at least one tray having at least one downwardly sloping surface and/or a second feed inlet in communication with a mixing slurry tank supplying a third reactant. For example, claim 33-37, 39-45, and claims 46-47, do not recite a column with an internal element comprising at least one tray having at least one downwardly sloping surface and/or a second feed inlet in communication with a mixing slurry tank supplying a third reactant.

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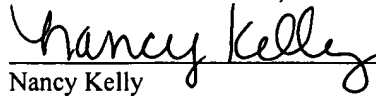
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